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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

regard to the application of: David MEDWED et al.

Serial No : 10/677,948

Group Art Unit: 3632

Filed : October 2, 2003

Examiner: Unknown

For : Safety Tether

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Applicant respectfully directs the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 10/677,948, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/421,575.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached is a copy<sup>1</sup> of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

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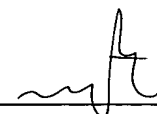
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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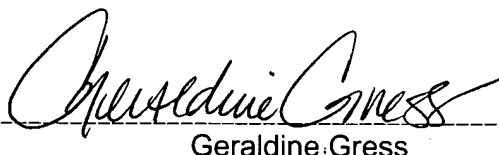
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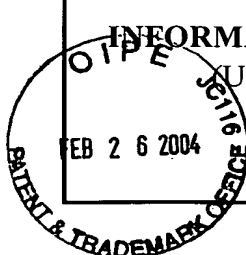
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